

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application Number : 09/508,923 Confirmation No. 3694
Applicant : Norman B. Roberts et al.
Filed : June 19, 2000
Tech Cntr/AU : 1754
Examiner : Timothy C. Vanoy
Entitled : Metal Compounds, Mixed or Sulphated, as Phosphate Binders
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Subsequent to the payment of the issue fee, and pursuant to the Petition to Withdraw from Issue filed concurrently herewith, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins

on *page 2* of this paper; and

Remarks and arguments begin on *page 8* of this paper.